

## GIVES REASON FOR CANCELING BOND

Bill Approved Requiring Surety Companies to Divulge Information.

By the terms of a bill reported favorably yesterday afternoon from the House Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation, surety companies which cancel the bonds of employees of common carriers must give the reason for such action. The bill over the proposition was earnest and extended, the entire morning session of the committee and most of the afternoon being taken up in discussion of the bill.

This measure, offered by Dr. C. W. Grant, of Russell, was championed by representatives of railway and express men, who earnestly contended for what they regarded as a just bill. They said that it frequently happens that employees are notified that their services are no longer required for the reason that the surety company has cancelled the bond. Stocks of letters were produced written by men who wanted to know the reason for such cancellation, but who could secure no information on the subject.

It is further required that notice of cancellation be given by either the surety company or the employee if a bond is to be discontinued. This is intended to permit the man to defend himself from whatever accusations may have been brought against him.

Representatives of the Virginia League said the bill would really injure the men in that it would keep some of them from getting bonds. It was said that a surety concern should not be compelled to divulge its confidential information, thereby leaving itself or its informant open to suits for damages for libel. But the committee thought differently and reported the bill.

## CITY GOVERNMENT BY COMMISSION

Banks Would Again Approve Amendment Started at Last Session.

Backed by officers of the League of Virginia Municipalities, B. A. Banks, of Norfolk, yesterday introduced in the House of Delegates the same joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution which would submit to the people by commission as was approved by the last Legislature. Two years ago it was introduced by Edwin P. Cox, of this city, and if it is to be adopted, it should come again before the Legislature, which will meet in November. But Mr. Cox, in view of the experiment about to be made in Richmond in the introduction of an Administrative Board, has abandoned the proposition.

The Banks resolution comes up this morning before the House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns. J. W. Craddock, of Lynchburg, and J. W. Serpentine, Jr., of Norfolk, will appear before the committee in behalf of the amendment.

Daniel Coleman, the other member from Norfolk, has previously introduced by request a joint resolution embodying the Shaw idea of commission government. This would have to go before the next Legislature, as it is a new proposition, whereas the Banks resolution could go to the voters this year. The opposition to the former amendment is that its scope is not wide enough, but it is probable that the delegations which appear today will urge its approval in order to get this much accomplished.

**Petitions in Bankruptcy.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Lynchburg, Va., February 12.—R. Ruck, a solicitor of Lynchburg, has filed a

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## Statements From Prominent People

Short Items of Interest to Readers in Richmond and Other Cities.

One of the sensational statements recently made in connection with "Tona Vita," the tonic that has accomplished such remarkable results in Richmond, is that of a prominent merchant of this city, who said: "This 'Tona Vita' is the greatest tonic I have ever taken. Its action in my case was wonderful, for it not only restored me to perfect health after I had been an invalid for almost ten years, but it did it in about ten days' time."

"I think I was the most down-hearted man in Richmond before I began taking this tonic. I was so weak that every little bit of work seemed like a big job, and I was as nervous as I could be. If a person came up to me unexpectedly I would jump in a frightened sort of way. I never got a sound night's sleep, but would toss and roll around in bed all night. When I sat down to a meal I did it more as a habit, as nothing that I ate was enjoyed. Besides, the very thought of eating often made me sick. I would often forget important duties and seem to lack all energy."

"Recently I talked with one of the specialists at the drug store, and he told me that I had nervous debility, and advised me to try a tonic called 'Tona Vita.' I did so, and can truthfully say it is the best thing that could have happened to me. My ambition has returned, and my desire to be active and hustling is noticed by my family. I now sleep all night long and get up in the morning feeling cheerful and more like a man than I have for years. I now enjoy my meals and am able to digest them in a way that I have not for a long time. A gentleman who is living in the same house with us saw how this medicine was helping me and began taking it, and even though he has taken but a few doses, he is in better health than I have ever seen him."

The symptoms of nervous debility are unmistakable to those who know how prevalent this trouble is. A tired dragging feeling of the body, a sluggish mind and dull memory, depression of the spirits, nervousness, stomach trouble, weak back, poor circulation, cold feet, headache and bowel trouble. These are sure indications of nervous debility and modern city life produces it in untold thousands.

"Tona Vita" will positively remove this condition. If it doesn't the trial costs nothing if purchased at the Polk Miller Drug Company, 834 East Main Street. From 9 A. M. to 8 P. M. the specialists will be at this store to meet the public.

The sale of this new tonic is now the biggest thing of the kind ever seen in Richmond, and each succeeding day marks an increase of interest. "Tona Vita" is proving a complete revelation to the thousands of half-sick, run-down, listless men and women in the city who did not know exactly what was the matter with them. It would be worth any body's time to visit the Polk Miller Drug Company, the exclusive agents for Richmond, and inspect the large number of testimonials from those who have been benefited by the new tonic and who have undoubted faith in it as a remedy of unusual value.

voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the Federal court here, in which the liabilities are placed at \$37,25, with no assets. All but two of the creditors scheduled are Lynchburg firms and business concerns.

T. A. Haysett, a railway conductor, living at Lick Run, Botetourt county, has filed a similar petition in the same court, in which his debts are scheduled at \$13,33, without assets.

**Tunnel Work Completed.**  
Lynchburg, Va., February 12.—The work of extending the Southern Railway tunnel in Richmond at its southern end has been completed, and it soon will be possible for the city to reach the city five years ago.

**Many Verbal Clashes.**  
Washington, February 12.—Former Postmaster-General Cortelyou's testimony before the House Committee on the Expenditures in the Post-Office, which is investigating the fraud orders against the E. J. Lewis Publishing Company, of St. Louis, developed many verbal clashes between Mr. Cortelyou and Edwin C. Madden, formerly Third Assistant Postmaster-General, but now counsel for Lewis.

Mr. Cortelyou said he had taken the case out of Madden's hands because there was a "lack of frankness" on the part of his assistant. Madden retorted that Mr. Cortelyou "had intended to be fair," and challenged the Post-Office Department to show that Mr. Cortelyou's action in the Lewis case had been paralleled in any other.

**Discussing Loss of Liquor Money.**

Members Note That Burden Would Be Put on Next State Administration.

One feature of the Jordan prohibition enabling act which has so far, it seems, escaped public notice, was much discussed about the Capitol yesterday. It is that in the event an election on the subject of prohibition is called and held, and the State should vote against licensing the sale of liquor, it would not go into effect until May 1, 1914. Rev. James Cannon, in his address before the House committee, called attention to this feature.

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## AID FOR INQUIRY IS UNEXPECTED

Progressive Senators Come to Assistance of Money Trust Probe.

LEA AND KENYON LEAD

Their Action May Put New Feature to Fight for Investigation.

Washington, February 12.—The proposed congressional investigation of the money trust got an unexpected impetus to-day in the Senate and had some developments in the House. Senator Kenyon, progressive Republican, and Senator Lea, progressive Democrat, joined in framing a proposal for an investigation by a committee of six members, to be drawn from both houses. This is expected to be introduced in the Senate in the form of a joint resolution, which will require the concurrence of the House.

With the House investigation well on its way to the Banking and Currency Committee, as was directed by the Democratic caucus, against the wishes of Chairman Henry, of the Rules Committee; William J. Bryan and others, a Senate resolution of inquiry would put a new feature on the fight.

Arthur E. Stillwell, builder of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway, who has said he learned of the money trust in financing his railroad, had a conference with Attorney General Wickham. Neither of the men could discuss it, but it was known that Mr. Stillwell told the Attorney General about the alleged money monopoly.

The House Rules Committee met to-day to discuss a procedure for the Banking and Currency Committee. Chairman Pajo, of the latter, has submitted a resolution on an investigation, which makes no mention of a money trust. Statements by several Democratic members indicated that there was not complete harmony in the committee. Chairman Henry, of the Rules Committee, who fought for a special investigation, wanted to get some of his original resolution into the Pajo resolution, but did not succeed.

**INSIDE HISTORY TOLD**

Washington, February 12.—The relation of William Nelson Cromwell to the proceedings through which the United States paid \$3,000,000 for the French rights to the Panama Canal route, were discussed before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs to-day by Henry S. Hall, of the New York World, who has been making a study of incidents connected with the choice of the Panama route over the Nicaraguan route.

Mr. Hall charged that Mr. Cromwell had influenced Congress in 1899 to reject the Nicaraguan route after it was being practically selected. Acting for the New Panama Canal Company, which had acquired the rights of the French builders, Mr. Cromwell undertook to influence the House to reject the Nicaraguan route after it was being practically selected. Acting for the New Panama Canal Company, which had acquired the rights of the French builders, Mr. Cromwell undertook to influence the House to reject the Nicaraguan route after it was being practically selected.

Mr. Cromwell persuaded Senator Hanna, said the witness, "to permit him to amend the Republican national platform in 1900 in his interests of the Panama route." The words "Panama route" were substituted for the words "the Nicaraguan canal," but only after Mr. Cromwell had contributed \$60,000 to the Republican national committee, of which Senator Hanna was chairman. This \$60,000 Mr. Cromwell later charged up to the New Panama Canal Company as a necessary expense.

Mr. Hall said that a few months before Senator Hanna had publicly attacked the reports of the New Panama Canal Company as attempting "to interfere with legislative action." Senator Hanna thereafter, said Hall, took an active part in advocating the Panama route in the Senate. Mr. Cromwell, he declared, prepared a complete draft of the report he wanted to read in the Senate upon the Panama route and submitted it to Senator Hanna, of the committee that passed on the legislation.

"Mr. Cromwell's draft was consequently adopted and signed by the minority," said Hall and became famous under the name of the "Hanna minority report." It was the text-book on the Panama Canal during the debates which followed in the Senate. Mr. Cromwell wrote Senator Hanna's speeches in favor of the Panama route, if not in their entirety, at least in great part.

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While it is absolutely a fact that Mr. Snead has no love for Roanoke, and will, if it is possible, under the ruling of the national commission, turn the franchise over to Newport News, it can be done so as to serve the best interests of all concerned, at the same time he will not pursue a policy that is at all antagonistic to the recent ruling.

In reply to the telegram to Mr. Farrell an answer by wire was received stating that the matter had been considered and that a letter fully covering the situation had been mailed. Just what the answer may be can only surmise, but the crux of the whole matter is that every effort will be made to keep Roanoke out and let

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